GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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NIGHT LANDING FACILITIES AT AIRPORTS
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that night landing facilities have not been made available at some of the airports in the country;

(b) if so, the details and the reasons therefor;

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard; and

(d) the funds allocated/proposed to be allocated by the Government for the purpose?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a) Yes, Sir. Night landing facility is not available at the following operational airports:
Agati, Akola, Baramati, Bhuntar (Kullu), Dehradun, Gaggal (Kangra), Gondia, Jabalpur, Juhu, Kanpur, Kargil, Keshod, Kota, Kandla, Ludhiana, Mysore, Pantnagar, Pondicherry, Porbandar, Rajamundary, Salem, Shillong (Umroi), Shimla, Silchar, Tuticorin and Vellore airports.

(b) Night landing facility has not been provided at some airports either due to lack of demand from Airlines Operators or restrictions caused by surrounding terrain making it impossible for night operations at these airports.

(c) Night landing facilities will be provided at all the operating airports wherever feasible.

(d) For this purpose, an amount of Rs.27.33 crore has been allocated for the year 2007-08 by Airports Authority of India (AAI).